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Thanks for the comments.

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Tracie,

This e-mail is to reduce to writing for you convenience the comment I made verbally to you and John about the desire of several Bay Area agencies that Prop 84, Prop 1E and the remaining Prop 50 grant funds be more earmarked for projects that do not have other adequate funding sources. These would primarily include flood control and watershed management (habitat protection and restoration) projects. Water supply and quality project, as well as wastewater treatment and recycled water projects, are usually funded quite easily by rate payers.

To not exclude any viable "water resources management" project, perhaps a sliding scale for matching funds could be used. A water supply project, for example, could be required to match 75%. A flood control project, on the other hand, could be required to match 25%. Of course, applicants would need to justify why a lower match should apply. This justification requirement could help to reduce the match requirement for water supply projects in disadvantaged communities where simply raising rates may not be an easy option. Requiring applicants to provide a more substantial match for projects with other funding sources if they area available would help make the grant funds go towards more projects, especially the type of projects that in many regions are not being funded now. Thanks!!

Carl

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